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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Duncan W. McBRANCH, et al. ART UNIT: 1634  
SERIAL NO.: 09/934,680 EXAMINER: Frank Wei Min Lu  
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FOR: PEPTIDE NUCLEIC ACID BASED MOLECULAR SENSORS FOR  
NUCLEIC ACIDS

**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

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SIR:

Responsive to the outstanding Office Action dated November 24, 2004, reconsideration of the rejection therein is respectfully requested for the reasons set forth herein.